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## TAMPERING AGAIN FOR LARGER HOUSE

**LAST CONGRESS REFUSED TO REAPPORTION MEMBERSHIP, BUT NEW MOVE IS MADE WITH PRESIDENT HARDING'S FINGERS IN PASTRY.**

Washington, July 25.—Another attempt to increase the size of the House of Representatives is now being made, although the House itself at the last session of Congress rebuked the first attempt and turned down the majority report of the census committee on reapportionment.

At the last session the majority of the census committee reported in favor of raising the number of representatives from 435, so that no State in the Union would lose a member. After a warm non-partisan debate, the House by a substantial margin adopted the minority census committee report which favored reapportionment without increasing the number of representatives above the present 435. The House adopted the bill recommended by the minority of the committee, but the Senate pigeonholed the measure and let it die with the life of that Congress, March 3 1921.

When the present Congress came in the census committee of the House was reconstituted, though retaining many of the former members including the former and present chairman, Representative Siegel, of New York, who is a strong advocate of increasing the number of his colleagues at that end of the capital. Chairman Siegel has managed by the skin of his teeth to get his committee again to report in favor of a raise, this time to 460 instead of 483, and the House will have the whole fight over again.

In the last Congress the report of the census committee of the House in favor of increasing its numbers was 8 to 6. This time, when the vote was taken in committee, there was a tie—7 to 7—(among the negatives being Representative John J. McSwain of South Carolina), and the only way in which Chairman Siegel was able to get his bill reported was by the 'kindness' of one of the members opposed to the measure, who changed his vote in order that the chairman might have this satisfaction.

The committeeman so coming to the assistance of Chairman Siegel in the hour of need was Representative Henry F. Barbour, of California who has been one of the strongest antagonists of reapportionment by enlargement, and is understood to be of the same opinion still. Rumor has it that a suggestion from President Harding was the real cause of Chairman Siegel's temporary "rescue."

## ANNUAL SETTLEMENT FINALLY COMPLETED

**County Treasurer Busily Engaged in Making out Tax Executions to Submit to Sheriff.**

The annual settlement between the county auditor and the treasurer was completed yesterday. The county affairs were found to be in good condition. Mr. Searson, representing the comptroller general's office, saying that the county's interests were being looked after in an efficient manner.

County Treasurer Cheatham is now busy making out tax executions. He says there will probably be about a thousand on the delinquent list this year. He expects to complete the list by August 8, at which time he will turn it over to the sheriff for collection. Mr. Cheatham thinks that the large number of delinquent taxpayers is due to the tightness of money, the property owners figuring that it is about as cheap to pay interest in the form of a penalty to the county as to the banks. The penalty, plus cost of collection, will amount to about 8 per cent to be added to the original tax.

## PELLAGRA STORY MOVES PRESIDENT

**HARDING ASKS RED CROSS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF SEMI-FAMINE AND DISEASE EPIDEMIC.**

Washington, July 25.—Alarmed at reports of a threatened "semi-famine," coupled with an epidemic of pellagra in a large section of the Southern cotton belt, President Harding today requested both the public health service and the American Red Cross to make immediate investigation and report what could be done by the federal government to relieve the situation.

The fullest cooperation of all federal agencies in the relief measures was promised by the president who declared that if found necessary congress would be asked to pass special legislation. He urged that no time be lost in ascertaining the actual conditions and applying to them an effective remedy.

The threat of "famine and plague," the president wrote to the health service and the Red Cross, seemed to arise from the fact that depressed markets had made it impossible for the people of a large section of the South to sell their stocks of cotton. The resulting shortage of money, he said, apparently had deprived many thousands of the variety of food necessary to ward off pellagra.

The president in his letter to Surgeon General Cumming said:

"I have been greatly concerned to note the public statement from the public health service as to the mention of pellagra and condition of at least semi-famine in a large section of the cotton belt. That such a condition is obviously a temporary incident to the economic dislocation following the war, can not lessen our concern. Famine and plague are words almost foreign to our American vocabulary save as we have learned their meaning in connection with the afflictions of lands less favored and toward which our people have so many times displayed large and generous charity.

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## BECOMES ASSOCIATED

**WITH DR. S. G. LOVE**

Dr. Lowrie W. Blake has gone to Ronceverte, W. Virginia to become associated with Dr. S. G. Love, formerly of Greenwood, now owner of the Greenbrier General Hospital. Dr. Love left Greenwood last summer to take charge of the Greenbrier Hospital. For the present Mrs. Blake will remain with Dr. Blake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blake. The following is taken from the West Virginia News:

Dr. Lowrie W. Blake arrived here last Sunday to become associated with Dr. Love in the Greenbrier general hospital in department of internal medicine and diagnosis. Dr. Blake comes to Ronceverte equipped from a large experience in hospital work having been one year in the University of Maryland hospital, two years as resident physician in the City hospital of New York, one year with the Willard-Parker hospital, and one year with the Skin and Cancer hospital, both of New York city. With his coming, Dr. Love announces the opening of downtown offices, second floor of the Bowers building, Frankford avenue, which offices will be closely connected with the hospital and where both Dr. Love and Dr. Blake will be found at stated hours.

Dr. Blake's laboratory work in connection with the hospital will include the testing of blood and kidneys with the aid of the most modern laboratory apparatus, and general internal medical and physical diagnosis.—Index-Journal.

## CAMP JACKSON CLOSES ALMOST IMMEDIATELY

**Army Will Be Reduced to 150,000 Men Sunday. Rapid Action Comes As Surprise—Seven Cantonments to Be Discontinued. Many on Inactive List**

Washington, July 26.—Reduction of the United States army to peace-time strength of 150,000 men will be accomplished by July 31, in accordance with the decision of Congress when it refused to appropriate funds for pay of a greater force after October 1. With the reduction, Secretary Weeks announced today, there would be a general distribution of troops, practical abandonment of seven of the great war-time army cantonments, placement of many organizations on the active list and skeltonization of others into materially reduced strengths.

The cantonments to be abandoned "at the earliest practicable date," as announced by Secretary Weeks, are Camps Devans, Massachusetts; Sherman, Ohio; Pike, Arkansas; Grant, Illinois; Jackson, South Carolina, and Meade, Maryland, except for a small detachment, and Bragg, North Carolina. Those to be retained under the plan of reorganization are: Dix, New Jersey; Travis, Texas; Lewis, Washington, and Knox, Kentucky.

The War Secretary said it was his plan eventually to remove all troops from the cantonments to be vacated and to salvage the greater part of the buildings. It was not his purpose, he said to sell the land, but to retain it, as well as the utilities and improvements, such as store-

houses, water systems and railroad tracks. He said these would be used if future appropriations permitted an expansion of the citizens' military training camps.

There was considerable surprise among army officers when it was found that the enlisted strength would be reduced to the 150,000 mark by July 31. Only a few had believed that the soldiers would resign under Secretary Weeks' order in numbers sufficiently large to effect the reduction from approximately 220,000 men in June to the smaller figure before winter.

Secretary Weeks recently instructed corps area and divisional commanders to permit the men within the continental boundaries to resign during July upon application without forfeiting travel pay to their homes or the \$50 bonus which they received ordinarily when their enlistments expired. The resignations literally poured in and caused the Secretary to revoke his order before the month was ended. Mr. Weeks said today that the applications already received would bring the enlisted strength to the 150,000 mark by July 31, it requiring that period of time for the existing machinery to care for the paper work involved in the discharge of so many men.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**ELECT MISS INEZ WARD**

**Community Worker at Mill to Begin Work First of September. Well Fitted for Place.**

At a recent meeting, the Board of Selectmen of the Abbeville Cotton Mill elected Miss Inez Ward of Abbeville, community worker at the mill. She has accepted and will take up the work September 1. Miss Victoria Howie, who is at present, engaged in this work will return to college in September.

Miss Ward is well qualified by training and experience to carry on the work in which she will be engaged. She studied one year at Chicago college, was graduated with the A. B. degree from Winthrop, taught school for a time and later got the bachelor of science degree at Columbia University Teachers College. At each of the colleges she attended Miss Ward specialized in domestic science and home nursing as well as other lines of work that would aid her in the sociological work she is now about to undertake.

At the outbreak of the war, Miss Ward went to Washington, first with the war department and later with the department of agriculture as extension worker. She continued in this work until sickness compelled her to give it up about a year ago.

## BIDS FOR ROAD.

The highway commission will open bids Friday at 12 o'clock for the construction of 2.3 miles of the Greenwood-Honea Path-Belton road between Donalds and the Greenwood county line.

## SUPPER FOR VISITORS

The Board of Selectmen of the Abbeville Cotton Mill gave a supper last night at the community house in honor of the visiting physicians and the mill officials. Dr. Hayden and Engineer Filby and Dr. Gambrell, also a member of the state board of health were guests.

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION

Workmen from the Butler Marble Works of Greenville have been in Abbeville today putting down the concrete base for the Confederate Marker on North Main street.

## NINETY SIX POSTMASTER

**HELD FOR EMBEZZLEMENT**

**J. W. Stalnaker Admits Misappropriation of Federal Funds. Shortage of \$4,500.**

J. W. Stalnaker postmaster at Ninety-Six, Greenwood county, was lodged in the Abbeville county jail late Monday afternoon on a charge of embezzlement of federal funds. He was brought to Abbeville by Post-office Inspector Mansfield and Deputy Marshal Adams who had previously carried him to Greenwood, but in the absence from the city of the United States Commissioner of that county he was brought before United States Commissioner C. E. Williamson. Mr. held a hearing immediately after the arrival of officers with Stalnaker and bound him over to federal court under \$4,000 bond.

Before bond could be arranged, Mr. Williamson received this morning a wire from the postoffice inspector who has been engaged in making an additional check of Stalnaker's accounts to the effect that later disbursements had increased the shortage from \$3,200 to approximately \$4,500 and Mr. Williamson increased the bond to \$5,000. The original checking began following complaint by mail order house that money paid Stalnaker by their customers in payment on C. O. D. packages had not been remitted. At the hearing Inspector Mansfield testified as to the shortage and Stalnaker admitted the misappropriation of the postoffice funds to private purposes, saying that he had paid personal debts with the money and that he had intended to replace the amount as soon as he became able.

Stalnaker has been postmaster at Ninety-Six for slightly more than a year. His mother is acting in his place while he is away. He is about 27 years old and married.

## TO SELL SCHOOL BONDS.

The trustees of the Abbeville school will open bids tomorrow for the sale of \$100,000 of bonds, recently voted for the erection of the new school building.

## GEORGE S. MOWER DIES AT NEWBERRY

**MAN LONG IN PUBLIC LIFE AND WELL KNOWN AS LAWMAKER, LAWYER AND PUBLIC SPEAKER—BORN IN MAINE. AGED SIXTY-EIGHT.**

Columbia, July 25.—Hon. George S. Mower of Newberry, who has been in public life in South Carolina for a quarter of a century, died at his home this morning in Newberry, according to advices received by friends and officials in Columbia today. His death followed a stroke of paralysis, suffered a few days ago. Mr. Mower was a lawyer in Newberry. He was born in Maine, April 20, 1853. He was a graduate of Bowdoin College. He received the degree of L. L. D. from Erskine College.

Mr. Mower's public life was best known in connection with his legislative service though he was prominent in Masonic circles and in business. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1895. He served as counsel for the state in the famous Coosaw Phosphate litigation in 1891 and in the election registration cases in 1895.

Mr. Mower first served in the house of representatives in 1888 and 1889. He served again from 1911 to 1916. He was state senator from Newberry from 1892-1904 his latest term of legislative service began with his election to the house a third time, in 1919 and for the 1919-20 term he was speaker protem. He was re-elected to the 1921-22 term and served with distinction during the general assembly of this year. In 1876 Mr. Mower was married to Miss Fannie D. Jones of Newberry who died in 1910.

## HEALTH PICTURE SHOWN IN MILL VILLAGE

**State Health Officers Make House to House Canvass in Interest of Health and Sanitation**

Dr. A. H. Hayden, representing the state board of health and Mr. Filby, the department's expert on water and sanitary plumbing, are in the city today in the interest of the health and sanitation campaign the board is waging throughout the state. They were busy today making a house to house canvass of the homes in the mill village, gathering data to be used in connection with the health moving picture to be shown at the mill school tonight.

The picture was scheduled to be shown last night, but trouble with the generator delayed starting until such a late hour that most of the prepared program was omitted. About two hundred people saw the picture and heard Dr. Hayden even at the late hour he began. Tonight it is expected that a capacity audience will be present. Dr. Hayden will explain the picture and give specific applications, as observed during his tour of inspection. First he will take up in a general way the principles of health and sanitation, telling something of the progress that has been made in sanitation and the resulting effect on health. Then he will take up specific problems as observed in his visits over the village, tell of harmful practices he has observed and suggest remedies. In this way Dr. Hayden makes his talks link up with the picture and good results almost always follow.

Dr. Hayden, Mr. Filby and a certain number of the board of selectmen of the mill and Mr. Thomas were using a very effective method this morning for getting results. One doctor takes one side of the street and another the other. Conditions are observed at each home and the people of the homes are asked to meet at a certain house in the block, where all assemble and Dr. Hayden explains the purpose of the campaign and suggests remedies for whatever defects are noted. They are also

## GOVERNOR SMALL LIABLE TO ARREST

**CIRCUIT JUDGE RULES THAT ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE IS NOT IMMUNE FROM STATE CRIMINAL CODE AND SHERIFF MUST DO DUTY.**

Springfield, Ill., July 26.—Governor Len Small of Illinois Tuesday was ordered arrested on charges involving misuse of State interest funds.

His arrest was ordered by Circuit Court Judge E. S. Smith in a decision denying the right of a governor to immunity from the State criminal code. Warrant charging the governor with a confidence game, embezzlement and conspiracy to defraud involving \$2,000,000 were in the hands of Circuit Court Clerk Charles L. Koehn when Judge Smith had handed down his informal decision.

They were to be given to Sheriff Harry Mester for immediate service.

The court offered to grant the governor a "reasonable period" in which to submit to arrest but warned the governor's attorneys that the sheriff would be "compelled by law" to serve the warrants.

He also denied the report that the governor might call out troops. The judge asserted he did not believe National Guardsmen, if called out by the governor, would obey orders to obstruct the law by protecting the chief executive from arrest.

Just as court was convened the judge received a large bouquet of roses.

"Some one has sent the court a bouquet," he said. "I hope that after they have heard what the court has to say they will want the bouquet to remain."

He began by repeating the "advice" given him at Friday's session of attorneys headed by former Governor Joseph Fifer.

"A request from such a source can not be ignored," he said, but immediately read abstracts of the law providing for the issuance and service of capias warrants following indictments.

"Come and get me."

This in substance was the reply of Governor Small when informed that Judge Smith had denied him immunity from State criminal procedure.

"Tell my attorneys not to attempt to delay the order of the court issuing warrants for my arrest," said the governor.

The governor reached the capital without a bodyguard. He was accompanied by his son, Leslie Small, and Senator John A. Wheeler, of Springfield. He seemed to be unconcerned about the case.

## BASEBALL GAME FRIDAY

There will be a baseball game at the mills diamond Saturday afternoon at 4:30 between the cotton mill team and the Bradley team. The A. C. M. team has won the last nine games played, or 17 out of 24 for the season. Challenges have been sent the Whitmire and Pelzer teams for two games each, here and two return games, on any suitable Fridays and Saturdays. They have not been heard from yet but it is expected that they will accept.

checking as they go to the extent of the observance of the state law affecting the vaccination of children for smallpox.

Dr. Hayden said this morning that nowhere in the state had he observed a mill village with better homes and clearer surroundings. He states that the houses are usually neat inside, sanitary practices are observed, and some precautions are taken for the prevention of disease.

The health picture will be shown again tonight at the mill. Tomorrow night it will be shown at Central school, Friday at Lowndesville and Saturday at Antreville.